

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a frozen traditional risotto including the steps of:

- a) adding to rice the necessary liquid and particulate ingredients for preparing a risotto according to the sequence provided for by the traditional recipe and cooking all the above ingredients up to a desired cooking degree, wherein said traditional recipe requires toasting the raw, dry rice with oil and/or butter and onion and then cooking the rice with water and one or more [[an]] additional ingredients, wherein the one or more additional ingredients [[is]] are, or yields yield as a result of said cooking, a sauce, a broth, or a combination thereof;
 - b) rapidly cooling the thus prepared risotto to a temperature of 0° to 4° C;
 - c) feeding the risotto into a dosing apparatus, which forms sphere-like portions of a predetermined weight or volume;
 - d) subjecting said portion to ultra-fast freezing; and
 - e) packaging a predetermined number of said frozen portions in suitable bags or boxes.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said liquid ingredients are selected among the group comprising meat- or fish- or vegetable-broth, tomato sauce and milk and said particulate ingredients are selected among the group comprising vegetables, mollusks, crustaceans, fish, meat and mushrooms.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A frozen traditional risotto, characterized in that wherein said frozen risotto is in the form of a plurality of drop-shaped portions of predetermined volume or weight, each one of these portions including all the ingredients of the

risotto in the appropriate ratios, wherein said risotto is prepared in accordance with a traditional recipe by:

toasting the raw, dry rice with oil and/or butter and onion and then cooking said rice with water and one or more [[an]] additional ingredients, wherein the one or more additional ingredients [[is]] are, or yields yield as a result of said cooking, a sauce, a broth, or a combination thereof.